

Remarks/Arguments

Reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the present amendment is respectfully requested.

Claims 1–4 were pending in this action. Claims 2–4 were objected to. Claim 1 was rejected. Claims 1–4 have been cancelled. Claims 5–7 have been added.

It is respectfully acknowledged with appreciation that claims 2–4 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. New claim 5 incorporates the combined features of claims 1 and 2, and new claim 6 depends upon new claim 5. It is thus respectfully submitted that claim 5 is allowable, along with its respective dependent claim (i.e., claim 6). Similarly, claim 4 has been rewritten in independent form to incorporate the features of claim 1. New claim 7 incorporates the combined features of claim 1 and claim 4. It is thus respectfully submitted that claim 7 is allowable.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the above identified application is in condition for allowance, and allowance of the above-identified application is respectfully requested.

Please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment in the fees for this  
amendment to our Deposit Account 20-0900.

Respectfully submitted,



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**Amendments to the Drawings:**

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Fig. 2. This sheet, which includes Figs. 1-6, replaces the original sheeting including Figs. 1-6. In Fig. 2, previous element 19 has been deleted.

Attachment: Replacement  
Annotated Sheet Showing Changes

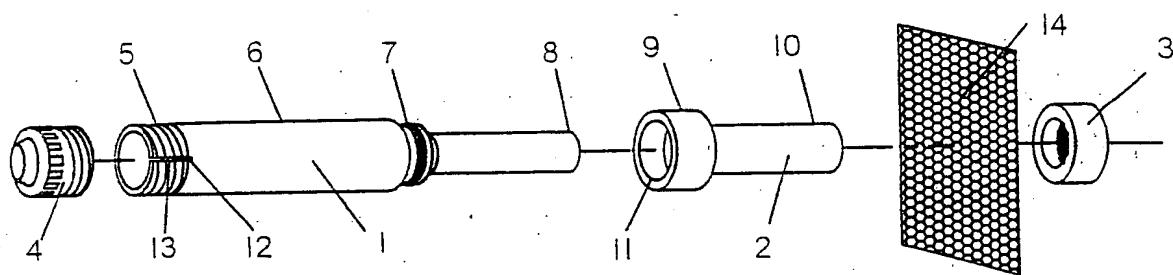


FIG. 1

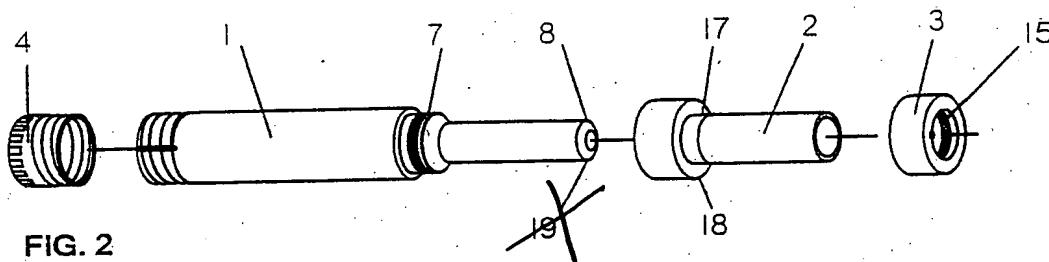


FIG. 2



FIG. 3

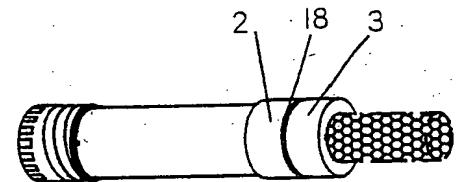


FIG. 4

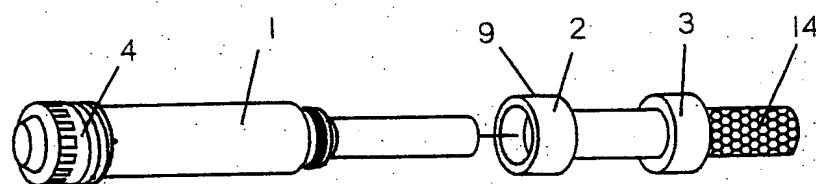


FIG. 5

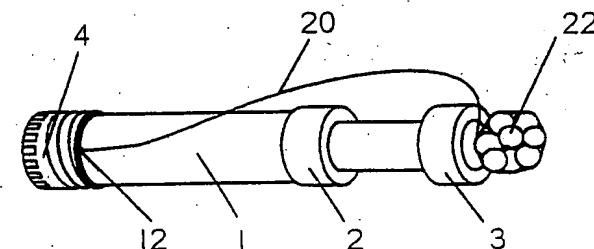


FIG. 6